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## **REMINDER –EMC MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30PM (A HALF AN HOUR EARLIER)**

### **OPEN BURNING COMMITTEE**

*Submitted by Heather Filiberto*

I'm happy to report that on June 14<sup>th</sup> the Tompkins County Board of Health approved language amending the County Sanitary Code to prohibit open burning of household waste. Two public hearings will be scheduled sometime in September. The Open Burning Committee will assist the Health Department in providing information about the health impacts of open burning at these hearings. Once the public hearings have been closed, the Board of Health will have a final vote on the changes sometime in the Fall.

### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

*Submitted by Keith Epstein*

The new EMC website will be online in a few days! It has been finalized, and transferred to the ITS department to be put on the county web server. The new website includes information about our current and past projects, and much more. The address will be <http://www.tompkins-co.org/emc>. Please check it out this weekend and let us know what you think. We have plans to include more information about past projects, so if you would like to contribute, please let us know. Thanks to everyone who has contributed already.

### **SUCCESS OF 2004 CONSERVATION BALLOT MEASURES HIGHLIGHTED IN NEW REPORT**

*Submitted by Heather Filiberto*

"LandVote 2004" is now available from The Trust for Public Land and Land Trust Alliance. The report details the year's conservation ballot measures. In 2004, state and local voters approved 75 percent of the 217 conservation measures on ballots nationwide, generating \$4 billion in new conservation funding and continuing

a rate of success that has been consistent since 1996. Leading the way were county measures, which enjoyed an almost 80 percent passage rate and accounted for nearly three quarters of total new conservation funding. To view a copy of the report visit:

[http://www.lta.org/publicpolicy/landvote\\_2004.pdf](http://www.lta.org/publicpolicy/landvote_2004.pdf)

### **CORNELL TRANSPORTATION TOPIC OF EMC JULY MEETING**

Andrew Eastlick (Transportation Planner) and David Lieb (Public Information) from Cornell will give a presentation and take questions at July's EMC meeting. The focus will be an overview of Cornell's current Transportation Demand Management System, with an emphasis on hard data and strategies to limit campus vehicular traffic, plus an overview of the recently announced transportation-focused Generic Environmental Impact Statement, (T-GEIS).

That substantial study will identify, and evaluate the transportation-related impacts of planned projects, plus hypothetical growth scenarios, over the next decade. The university will work cooperatively with the Town of Ithaca, the T-GEIS's "lead agency," which in turn will involve additional governmental agencies, as appropriate, including Tompkins County, City of Ithaca, Town of Dryden, Village of Cayuga Heights, New York State Department of Transportation and others. Public input will be a major component of the T-GEIS.

Following are two websites that provide more information about transportation at Cornell:

- Transportation Services Website  
<http://www.parking.cornell.edu/>
- Specific information/history of Transportation Demand Management Program  
<http://www.parking.cornell.edu/TDMarticle.html>

**There will be no August EMC  
meeting. See you  
September 7th!**